CONTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN FIRMS TO EXPORTS

2372. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the contribution of foreign firms to India's total exports during the first eight months of the current year and figures of the same period for last three years both in amount and percentage ;

(b) what is the distribution of such export conducted by foreign firms covered under MRTP Act in rupee area and general currency area during the above period ;

(c) amount of foreign exchange earnings and outgo relevant to MRTP firms in the period ; and

(d) what is the amount of total foreign debt as on the 1st November, 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Information on exports made by foreign firms and their break-up in terms of exports to Rupee Payment Area and General Currency Area is not complied.

With the amendment of MRTP Act, 1969 with effect from 27th September, 1991 and the deletion of provisions relating to registration, undertakings are no longer required to be registered under the Act.

(c) Exports (including other earnings in foreign exchange) and import of the erstwhile MRTP companies during 1989-90, the latest period for which data are available, are Rs. 5066 crores and Rs. 4454 crores respectively.

(d) Data on external debt are being complied on an year-end and half-yearly basis and latest data indicate a stock of US $ 85.4 billion (Rs. 2661.67 hundred crores) at the end of March 1993.

Exports and their Sectoral Distribution

EXPORTS AND THEIR SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION

2373. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total export during first 8 months of 1993 and the last three years; year-wise ;

(b) sectoral distribution thereof i.e. manufacturing sector, agricultural, mines raw materials and services during the above mentioned period ;

(c) percentage of export contribution of the total export in sector-wise for the (i) small scale sector; (ii) organised industries (manufacturing); (iii) special export zones (iv) multinational enterprises ; and

(d) distribution of export in general currency area and Rupee area ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) India's total exports during 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and April-October, 1993 the latest period for which such data are available in 1993-94 are given below :—

Year	Total Exports	
	Rs. crores	US $ Million
1990-91	32553.34	18142.84
1991-92	44041.81	17865.41
1992-93	53688.25	18537.10
1993-94 (April-Oct. 93)	38045.00	12131.08

(b) Sectoral distribution

	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	April-sept. 93–94
	(Rs. Crores)			
Manufacturing sector . .	25759.10	35311.94	44156.99	26360.63
Agriculture and Allied Products .	2890.71	4585.22	5513.43	391.26
Ores & Minerals . . .	1735.43	2291.98	2145.71	116.30
Raw Materials . . .	2473.00	2518.00	2109.00	1203.00

services*

*Foreign trade statistics compiled by DGCI&S, Calcutta, covers 'merchandise' trade only.

(c) % share in total exports

	90–91	91–92	92–93	April- sept. 93
(i) Small scale sector . .	29.7	31.5	31.5	N.A.
(ii) Special export zones .	3.02	2.67	2.58	N.A.
(iii) Organised industries (Manufacturing) . . .	No such data are maintained by DGCI & S.			
(iv) Multinational enterprizes				

(d) The distribution of export in General Currency Area and Rupee Payment Area is given below :—

(Rs. Crores)

	GCA	RPA
1990–91	26892	5661
1991–92	39609	4433
1992–93	51647	2042

With the cessation of rupee trade from 1st April, 1993, the classification of exports into GCA and RPA has been given up from 1993-94.

PRICES OF TOBACCO IN AUCTION FOR FARMERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2374. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tobacco farmers in Andhra Pradesh got less prices in auctions in 1993 as compared to 1991 and 1992 :

(b) whether it is also a fact that tobacco prices fell drastically in 1993 as compared to 1992 prices ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have announced that STC will enter the market to rescue the farmers from traders exploitation; if STC has not entered the reasons for the same ;

(d) whether auction system ensures competition and better returns to tobacco farmers ;

(e) if so, what are the average prices realised by farmers in Andhra Pradesh 1991, 1992 and 1993 and production of Virginia Tobacco in Andhra Pradesh in those years ;